

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Elijah

DISCUSSION GOAL

Help your group recognize that, like Elisha, all of us have a call from God to fulfill His mission. Help your members move towards identifying the specific assignment God is asking them to do.

ICE BREAKER



Share with the group about a project that you undertook, at work or at home, where you didn't really know what you were doing! What did you have to do in order to accomplish the task?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

1 Kings 19:19-21 ESV

¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Title: Passing the Baton

Big Idea: God faithfully calls people into His mission

Key Question: Where might God be calling you?

1. God's direction can be trusted (v. 19)
2. God's call demands commitment (vv. 20-21)
3. God's assignment involves development (v. 21b)

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DISCUSSION



- Earlier in chapter 19 Elijah experiences a moment of uncertainty with God. Yet God calls Elijah to continue on with the mission at hand and to find Elisha to bring him into the plan. (1 Kings 19:15-18) What emotions or thoughts do you think Elijah had as he moved forward?
- In 1 Kings 19:15, God has just reminded Elijah on the mountain that He is in control and to continue on in the mission. Share a time when, even though it was hard, you had to fully trust in what you heard God calling you to do.
- From 1 Kings 19:20 we see that Elisha realized the significance of Elijah placing the cloak on him and knew he was supposed to join Elijah. What he did next was bid farewell to family and friends with a great feast and then joined up with Elijah. When have you had to sacrifice in order to follow where God was leading you? What was the sacrifice?
- We know from 2 Kings 3:11 that Elisha became known as the “[the one] who poured water on Elijah’s hands”. As Elijah was fulfilling the mission given to him by God Elisha was right alongside of him and would have learned along the way. Is there someone in your life that God has brought to you to guide you and to learn from?
- **Read Hebrews 13:20-21** God calls all believers to be part of His mission and He equips us with what we need. How does God equip us to be part of His mission?

LIFE APPLICATION



As we have seen with Elijah there were moments of despair, uncertainty and wavering trust that the mission he was called to would be completed. Time and again God reminded Elijah that He was the one in control and Elijah trusted and continued to follow. What is it that you sense God is calling you to do in your life and how are you responding to that call? What obstacles are you facing in following His direction? How will you trust His direction, respond with commitment and how will you allow yourself to be developed?

jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


